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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2009.

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the recent Office Action. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter.

The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 7-9, 14-17 and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended to add the subject matter from claim 9. Other amendments are made to claim 1 in order to increase its clarity but not to distinguish over the prior art. Claims 7, 8 and 20 are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 18 is amended by adding the subject matter indicated as being allowable from claim 9 and should be allowable at least for this reason. Claims 6, 9, and 16 are cancelled. The remaining claims are dependent on one of the allowable independent claims either directly or through an intervening claim. Accordingly, all of the claims should be in a condition for allowance.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102.

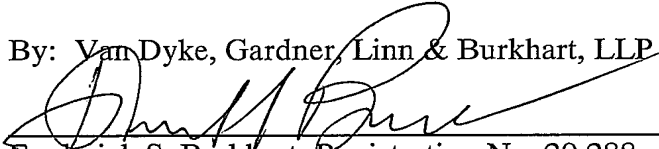
Claims 1-6, 11-13 and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent Publication No. DE 28 18 170. The rejection is moot in view of the action referred to above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If Examiner Charles has any questions or reservations, it is requested that Examiner Charles call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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